## STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

WHEREAS; held every year on the fourth Saturday in January, Local Quilt Shop Day is an annual arts celebration that aims to celebrate and raise awareness of the important role

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin is home to numerous local quilt shops and a rich tradition of quilting; and

that independent quilt shops play in local economies; and

WHEREAS; local quilt shops embody the beating heart of sewing communities worldwide, and have been fundamental to defining the character and history of communities throughout Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; quilters and seamsters in Wisconsin and around the world have played an important role in safeguarding public health throughout the coronavirus pandemic, with many spending countless hours creating face masks to protect healthcare workers, frontline workers, and the general public; and

WHEREAS; local quilters and seamsters have donated their services to meet countless other community needs, including by making quilts to support local service organizations and coordinating blanket and quilt donations for Afghan refugees at Fort McCoy; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin celebrates the contributions of our state's independent quilting industry and encourages all Wisconsinites to frequent and support their local quilt shops;

> NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim January 22, 2022, as

## LOCAL QUILT SHOP DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

> IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 10th day of December 2021.

GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Ce Dougla DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE Secretary of State